

Little bitty fast feet ... Tahoka Kindergarten students are pictured in these photos from the elementary school's Track and Field Day held last week at the THS football field. These children are participating in the 100-meter dash. The fun day was part of the end-of-the-school-year events that Tahoka ISD hosts for students. The last day of school at TISD is approaching quickly, on May 30.

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All Lynn County high school seniors will be featured in next week's edition ... Don't miss it!

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■ JUNE ... (DUE THIS WEEK)
"It's a Dog's Life"

What's Outside

NWS official readings for Tahoka

Date	High	Low	Precip.
May 14	87	56	0.06"
May 15	89	58	0.12"
May 16	96	55	
May 17	101	57	1st Triple Digit!
May 18	98	62	
May 19	91	66	
May 20	92	59	
Total Precip for Jan.:			0.93"
Total Precip for Feb.:			0.96"
Total Precip for Mar.:			-0-
Total Precip for Apr.:			-0-
Total Precip for May:			0.69"
Total Precip. for 2013:			2.58"

City sends emergency notices about dangerous nitrate levels in water

by JUANELL JONES

Residents in the city of Tahoka received a postcard notice from the City of Tahoka this week notifying them that the drinking water in Tahoka had exceeded maximum contaminant levels for nitrate. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) requires the notices to be sent if the nitrate level is above 10 milligrams per liter, based on a single sample.

City Administrator Jerry Webster explained to *The News* that the nitrate levels are usually higher from water from the city wells that supplement the city's water from the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority pipeline, which is then blended together before reaching city customers. However, the sample tested last week

He noted that nitrates are typically not found in surface water, but may be found in well water, and since CRMWA is no longer drawing surface water from Lake Meredith, all of the CRMWA water is also well water from their well fields.

"We are not only testing our own city wells, but also the CRMWA water before it is blended with our well water, to see if there are any potential problems there as well," said Webster. "We are taking this seriously, and we are going to investigate the problem and stay on top of it so that we can get a viable solution."

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, water with contaminant level violations may be unsafe for consumption by infants.

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-- CITY ADMINISTRATOR

was from blended water that customers receive, necessitating the emergency notification mailout.

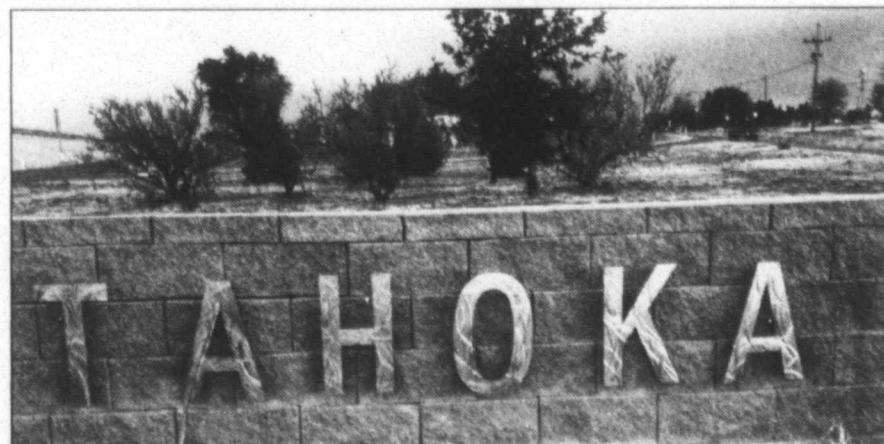
"Every quarter, TCEQ sends someone to take samples from our water, and in the last test one sample showed a higher nitrate level than allowed," said Webster. "TCEQ required the city to send notices within 24 hours of the results of the test, so the notices were mailed out Friday," he added.

"However, as soon as we were aware that the test sample showed a higher level of nitrates than is considered safe - even before the notices were in the mail - we immediately lowered the blend of city well water ratio to CRMWA water to attempt to remedy the situation," he explained. "And, since then we have begun taking our own samples, from each well in the city's water system, to see if we can determine if we have a particular well that may be the source of the nitrates. If we can find that, we can deal with the problem at the source," the city administrator added.

"Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrate in excess of the maximum contaminant level could become seriously ill and, if untreated, may die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue baby syndrome. If your child is under the age of six months, the child must be given an alternative water supply for any consumption," according to the printed notice that city residents received.

"Boiling the affected water is not an effective treatment for nitrate removal. Most consumers do not need to use an alternative water supply. However, if you have health concerns, you may want to talk to your doctor to get more information about how this may affect you. At this time, the health effects to fetuses of pregnant women is unclear. If you are pregnant, you may also choose to use an alternative source of water for drinking and cooking purposes," the notice continued.

Residents concerned about their drinking water may contact Tahoka City Hall at 561-4211.

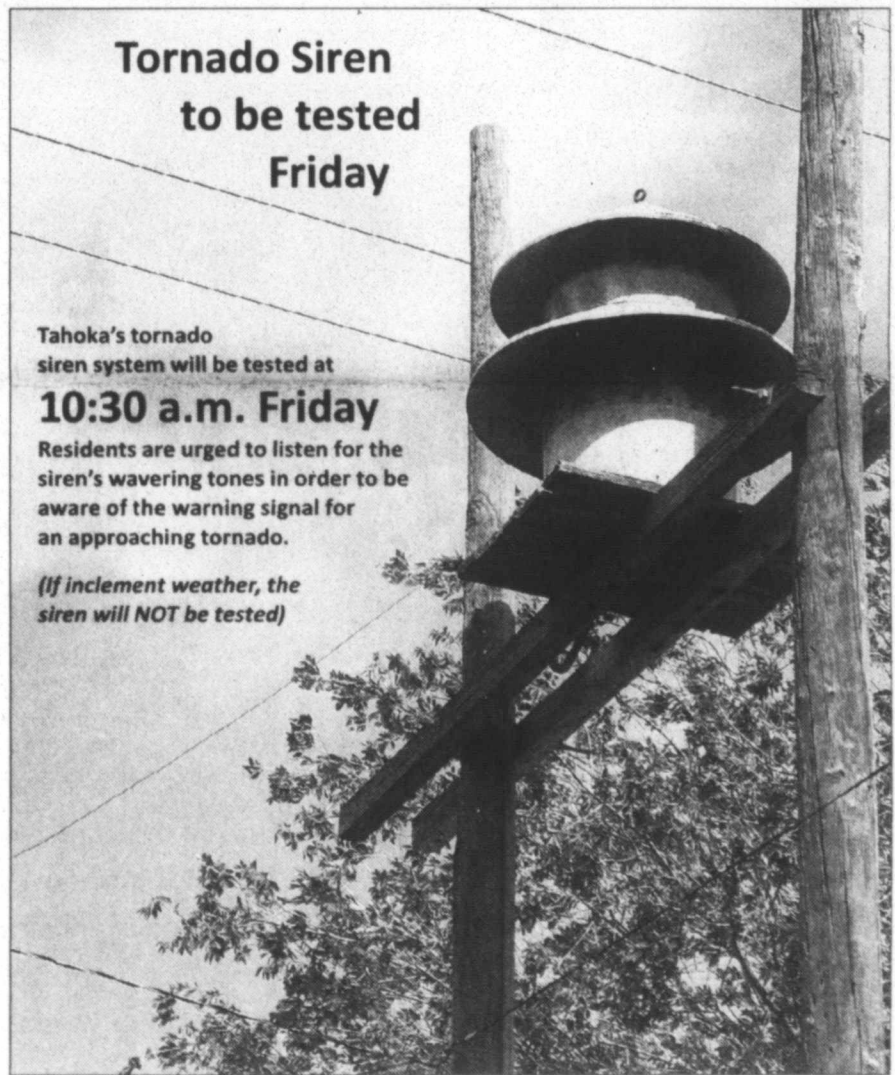


Our town ... The A.C.T. Board (Advancing the Community of Tahoka) spearheaded a project to replace the "TAHOKA" sign at the city's north entry, and the letters were replaced on the brick wall last Wednesday. The metal letters feature a stylized etching.

Tornado Siren to be tested Friday

Tahoka's tornado siren system will be tested at 10:30 a.m. Friday. Residents are urged to listen for the siren's wavering tones in order to be aware of the warning signal for an approaching tornado.

(If inclement weather, the siren will NOT be tested)



Collision on county road causes serious injury

A collision between a tractor and a pickup at the intersection of two county roads in the east part of Lynn County last Wednesday, May 15, sent the driver of the truck to a Lubbock hospital, where he reportedly was in serious condition early this week.

Information on the accident, including verification of the identities of those involved, was not officially confirmed by the investigating Dept. of Public Safety. Unofficial reports identified the man airlifted to a Lubbock hospital for treatment as Larry Lee, driver and only occupant of the pickup. The driver of the tractor, identified as Matt Taylor, reportedly was not injured. The collision occurred at the intersection of County Rd. AA and County Rd. 21.

Lee reportedly was in "stable" condition Tuesday.

Only other activity by law enforcement officials in the county reported during the last week was an arrest of a Lubbock man Saturday by Tahoka Police, on a charge of public intoxication.

Lynn County jail held 17 persons early this week, with two held for Andrews County. One person was jailed on a grand jury indictment for theft,

three others were held on charges of deadly conduct, intoxication assault with a vehicle and public intoxication.

REMEMBER ...
All gave some ...
Some gave all



Flag raising ceremony set Memorial Day at Green Cemetery

A Memorial Day Flag Raising ceremony will be held at Green Memorial Cemetery in Wilson at 8:00 a.m. Monday, May 27 (Memorial Day) by the Wilson Volunteer Fire Department. A short speech will be given by retired Master SGT. Nicolas H. Navarro, from San Angelo. Everyone is welcome.



Words of Inspiration:

No matter what looms ahead, if you can eat today, enjoy the sunlight today, mix good cheer with friends today, enjoy it and bless God for it. You are only sure of today; do not let yourself be cheated out of it.

-- AUTHOR UNKNOWN

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and
Tax Assessor-Collector
offices are now located on the
west side of the square
at 1521 Ave. J in Tahoka.

Justice of Peace #1: 561-4337
Tax Assessor: 561-4112

THS Band to offer Spring Concert tonight

The award-winning Tahoka High School 3-D Band will present its annual Spring Concert this Thursday, May 23, at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Admission is free.

"After successfully completing its 11th consecutive large Sweepstakes (1's in Marching, Concert, and Sightreading), the 3-D Band is looking forward to sharing their award winning music," said Carroll Rhodes, director.

"Starting the program will be the two traditional pieces of the Tahoka 3-D Band - Gene Currie's beautiful arrangement of 'The Star-Spangled Banner,' and the march played around the world literally, 'The Tahoka Galop,'" said Rhodes.

Following will be one of the three UIL contest tunes that the 3-D Band received straight 1's from all the judges, "A Sailor's Odyssey" with a good old 50's style "Three O'Clock Rock" to give a contrast. Providing further contrast will be a circus march entitled "Pink Lemonade" based upon a 1920's banjo tune.

"Looking eagerly toward this fall's advancing year in marching, the Tahoka 3-D Band will present the music of the 2013 marching show, 'American Dance Medley.' 'The Spirit of an Eagle,' another one of the grade 2A numbers the 3-D Band performed at UIL will be followed by the recognition of the three band seniors: Lisa-Marie Alvarado, Sarah Freitag, and Levi Hawthorne. Concluding the evening's performance will be the UIL march, 'Prestissimo Galop,' guaranteed to get the audiences' feet tapping," added the director.



New WISD Board members ... New board members for the Wilson ISD School Board Trustees include, from left: Janie Rios (appointed for 1 year term), Doug Bolyard (sworn in for 3 year term - he was the only incumbent to run in the election and the election was canceled), and Daniel Clark (appointed for 1 year term). Not pictured, but recognized at the board meeting, were the students of the month for April: Marissa Hinojosa (Elementary), Xavier Ramirez (JH) and Alaura Mendez(HS).

Wilson ISD begins superintendent search, appoints trustees to fill vacant positions

The Wilson Independent School District Board of Trustees authorized Interim Superintendent Byron Shelley to begin the official search for a new superintendent during the regular meeting held Tuesday, May 14, in the school library. The board also filled two vacant trustee positions with the appointment of former trustees Janie Rios and Daniel Clark. Trustee Doug Bolyard was unopposed in the May school board election.

Ms. Rios and Mr. Clark will serve one year, until a special election is held in conjunction with the next regular election in Spring 2014. There will be four trustee positions up for election in Spring 2014.

The board elected trustee Anissa Purswell to serve as president, re-elected Mr. Bolyard vice president and re-elected trustee April Moore to serve as secretary. Ms. Purswell was also appointed to serve as an ad hoc member of the district's Texas Title I Priority Schools (TTIPS) Grant leadership team.

"The board is committed to hiring a highly qualified, experienced superintendent who will continue the great positive strides made in the past year by the Wilson ISD faculty and staff," said Ms. Purswell. "The board will take an active role in the superintendent search and will work closely with Mr. Shelley to ensure a smooth transition."

The board's next regular meeting is planned for the first week of June in the school library at 1411 Green Avenue. Official meeting notices are posted on the door of the school library, and on the district's website at <http://wilson.escl7.net/vnews/display.v/SEC/DistrictSchool%20Board> by clicking the "Public Board-Book" link.

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Woodwork



ONE OF OUR daughters commented the other day that Memorial Day sure is early this year, so I asked her, "Why is that? I thought Memorial Day always was on May 30."

Giving me an exasperated look, she said that ever since she could remember, Memorial Day had been on the last Monday in May.

She didn't come right out and call me a dummy (probably because she doesn't want to be known as "the dummy's daughter"), but I could hear the thought behind her stare.

Turns out we both were right, sort of, although evidently I had not given Memorial Day much thought since 1971, when Congress passed an act to ensure a three-day weekend for federal holidays. Apparently for most of the years before then, Memorial Day—first called Decoration Day—was indeed on May 30.

Memorial Day was officially proclaimed by Gen. John A. Logan in 1868 and was first observed that year on May 30, when flowers were placed on the graves of both Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. (Note to my daughter: No, I never knew Gen. Logan personally).

Some would like to see Memorial Day changed back to May 30. The Veterans of Foreign Wars stated in 2002, "Changing the date merely to create three-day weekends has undermined the very meaning of the day."

Whenever it is observed, it should mean more than cooking Wieners and going to the beach. It is intended to be a solemn day of remembrance for those who have died in this nation's service.

DISPATCHER: "Nine-one-one. What is your emergency?"
Caller: "I heard what sounded like gunshots coming from the brown house on the corner here."

Dispatcher: "Do you have an address?"

Caller: "No, I'm wearing a blouse and slacks. Why?"



Softball throw ... Jacob Tew winds up to throw a softball in the Tahoka Elementary Track and Field Day, while the next participant waits for his turn.

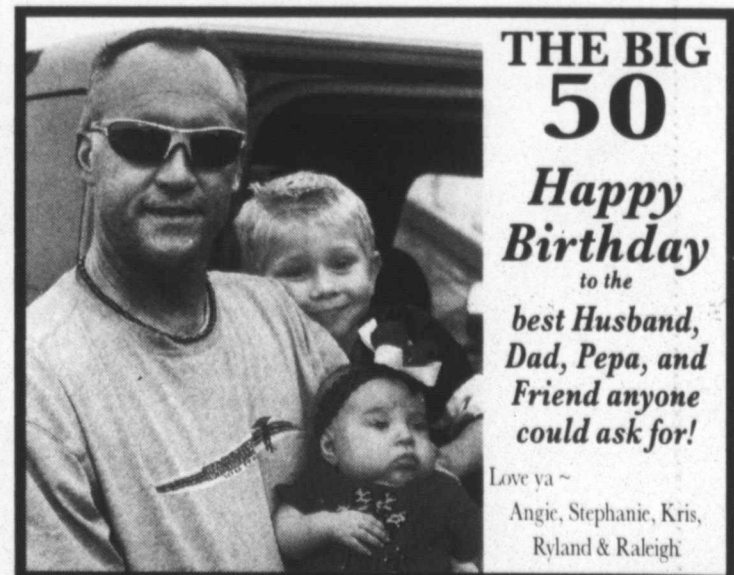
Reception set for two TISD retirees

Tahoka Independent School District will host a retirement reception on Tuesday, May 28, for two longtime secretaries who have served Tahoka High School and Tahoka Middle School. Pat Williams is retiring after 30 years of service, and Mary Mahurin is retiring after

25 years of service. The reception will be Tuesday from 3:00-4:30 p.m. in the Tahoka High School gym. Refreshments will be served, and all area residents are invited.

SHOW YOUR COLORS!

Fly the American Flag to show your support for our nation.



THE BIG 50 Happy Birthday
to the
best Husband, Dad, Papa, and Friend anyone could ask for!

Love ya ~
Angie, Stephanie, Kris, Ryland & Raleigh

Please visit these Lynn County Churches

TAHOKA
St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church
South 4th & Ave. M • Tahoka, TX 79373 • (806) 561-4436
PASTOR: REV. EDUARDO TEO
Mass - 11:00 a.m. Sunday, 7 p.m. Wed. & Thur.
Rosary - 7 p.m. Tues.
CCE Class/Confirmation Instruct. - 7 p.m. Wed.

New Home Church of Christ
324 N. Main • Box 188 • New Home, TX 79383 • (806) 924-7579
MINISTER: VICTOR ELLISON
Bible Class - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service - 6:00 p.m.
Mid-Week Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

Wilson First Baptist Church
1403 13th St. • Box 67 • Wilson, TX 79381 • (806) 628-6333
PASTOR: BILLY PARMER
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship - 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Discipleship Training - 5 p.m. Sunday
6:30 p.m. Wednesdays
Fellowship Meal & Classes for all ages
• Bible Study & Prayer Mtg - Youth

TAHOKA Church of Christ
2320 Lockwood • Box 1177 • Tahoka, TX 79373
(806) 561-4060 • email: tcoc@poka.com
PULPIT MINISTER: STEVEN BONNER
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship - 11 a.m.
Fellowship & Devotion - Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

New Home United Methodist Church
350 N. Main
New Home, TX 79383
(806) 924-7549
PASTOR: BOB POWELL
Sunday School 10:00 am • Worship 10:45 am
Youth Activities

First Baptist Church
1701 Ave. K • Box 1547 • Tahoka, TX 79373
(806) 561-4557 • www.fbctahoka.org
PASTOR: BILL FULLER
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship Service - 10:45 a.m.
SNL (Youth) - 6:00 p.m. Sunday
Activities For All Ages - Call For Complete Schedule
There's A Place For Me at FBC!

Praying Without Preaching

Matthew 6:5-8
We pray "not to inform God or instruct him but to beseech him closely, to be made intimate with him, by continuance in supplication; to be humbled; to be reminded of our sins" (John Chrysostom, Homilies on the Gospel of Saint Matthew, 19.4). Private prayer helps conform us to Christ. How much time do you spend praying in private? If you pray in public more than you do in private, you might be more concerned with how others see you than with how God sees you.

For further study:
Ecclesiastes 5:1-3

Excerpts taken from BibleGateway.com/
devotionals/tabletalk-coram

First United Methodist Church
1801 Ave. J • Box 500 • Tahoka
(806) 561-4503
email: functahoka@poka.com
PASTOR: VERNON BAKER
SUNDAYS:
Praise Worship - 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship - 11:00 a.m.
TUESDAYS: Branded Ministries - 6:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAYS: Youth - 6:30 p.m.

Wilson St. John Lutheran Church
13th & Dickson • Wilson, TX 79381 • (806) 628-6573
Sharing Christ's message of forgiveness and salvation with our community and beyond.
TONDA FREITAG, PLM
Sunday School - 10 am • Sunday Worship - 11:15 am

Draw First United Methodist Church
(established 1907)
P.O. Box 496 • O'Donnell, TX 79351
Phone (806) 428-3357 or Fern Barnes (806) 327-5583
PASTOR: REV. MONTY BARNETT
Sunday Morning Worship - 9:15 a.m.
Sunday School following

Wilson St. Paul Lutheran Church
16th & Houston St. • Box 136 • Wilson, TX 79381
(806) 628-6471 • www.stpaulwilson.com
PASTOR: DAVID W. ROHDE
Sunday School 9:15 a.m. • Divine Service 10:15 a.m.
"Where Christ Serves People"

Grassland Nazarene Church
2885 CR 25 • Tahoka, TX 79373 • (806) 327-5656, 327-5655
PASTOR: Rev. James Miller
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Youth and Adults: Wednesdays - 7 p.m.

Sweet Street Baptist Church
1300 AVENUE J • BOX 751 • TAHOKA, TX 79373 • (806) 561-5310
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
(A Bible Study Class for all ages)
Morning Worship - 10:55 a.m.
(Uplifting Music - Message from God's Word)
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
(Praise & Worship - Gospel Message)
Wednesday Night - 7 p.m.
(Prayer & Bible Study, Children & Youth Ministries)
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

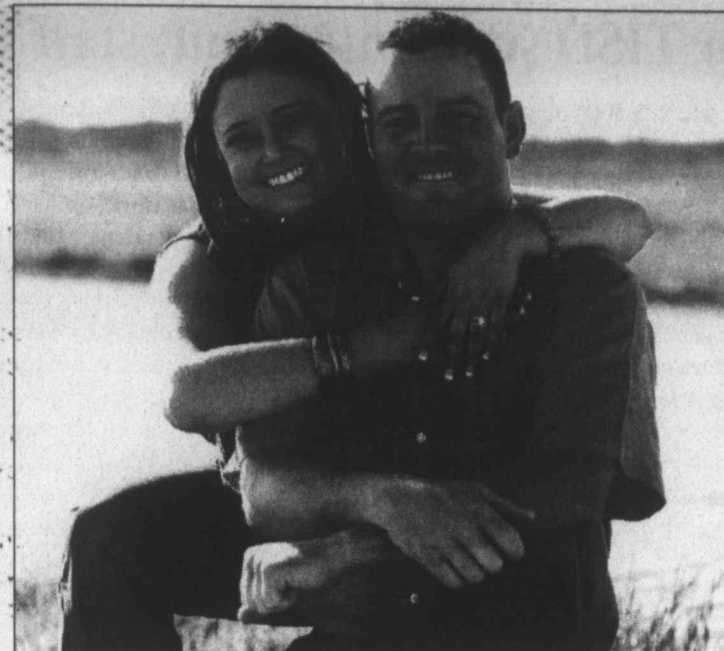
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SERVICES:
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm
Wed. Youth/Children's Activities 7:00 pm

Tahoka Trinity Church
1925 Lockwood • Box 1168 • Tahoka • (806) 561-5317
PASTOR: PERRY SHUFFIELD
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Youth - Sundays at 7 p.m.
For a ride to Sunday School or Church, call 561-5317

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MORGAN NEWSOM and JERRY WEBB JR.

Newsom-Webb announce engagement

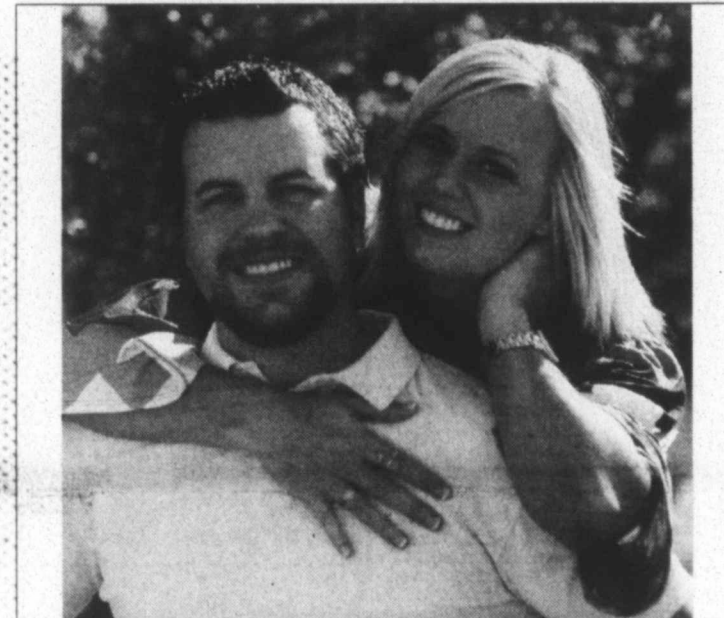
Larry and Tonia Newsom of Brownfield announce the engagement of their daughter, Morgan Dawn Newsom to Jerry Royce (Jaybo) Webb Jr., son of Jerry Webb of New Moore and Pat and Judy Leary of Midland.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Joe and Barbara Granato, and Sammie Skains and the late Alfred Newsom. The bride-groom is the grandson of the late Jack Webb, the late Emma Jean Adamson, and the late Harold and Joan Henley.

The future bride graduated from Brownfield High School in 2003. She received her Bachelor's of Business Administration Degree in Marketing from Texas A&M University in 2007 and a Master's of Science Degree in Agricultural Communications from Texas Tech University in 2008. Morgan is currently employed by Texas Grain Sorghum Producers.

Webb graduated from O'Donnell High School in 1999. He has been farming in Lynn County for the past 14 years.

The couple plans to marry August 24 in Nassau, Bahamas and will make their home in Lubbock.



BROOKE KIETH AND RYAN BROWN

Couple announces engagement

Mickey and Kelly Kieth, of New Home, announce the engagement of their daughter, Brooke Kieth to Ryan Brown, son of Cary and Monica Sawyer and the late Ken Brown, all of Lubbock.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Jimmie and Joann Kieth of New Home and Mary Johnston of Rochester. She is a graduate of New Home High School and West Texas A&M University and is employed by Brownfield ISD.

The future bridegroom is the grandson of Jim Gordon and Faye Brown, both of Lubbock. Brown is a graduate of Tahoka High School and is employed by Texas Department of Transportation in Lubbock.

The couple plans to marry June 28, at Stone Creek in Lubbock.

City approves Xcel rate increase; takes first step in banning illicit synthetic drugs

Tahoka City Council met in regular session Monday night, approving a small rate increase for Xcel customers in the city, and administering the oath of office to the mayor and a council member who were unopposed in the recent election, to retain their seats for another two years. The council also took the first steps toward banning the sale of illicit synthetic drugs, with the first reading of a proposed city ordinance.

The oath of office was administered to Mayor John Baker and District 3 councilwoman Amy Preston, to serve another two-year term with the City of Tahoka. District 1 councilman Rudy Fuentes, who won the election for his seat on the council, was unable to attend the meeting and will be sworn in at a later date.

Council members approved a settlement agreement between the alliance of Xcel municipalities (which includes Tahoka) and Southwestern Public Service Company regarding a change in electrical rates in all cities. City Administrator Jerry Webster told *The News* that the base rates for residential and commercial accounts will increase slightly (an increase of \$1.60 per month for residential base rates for Xcel customers), as well as about a half-cent increase in energy usage charges.

In other action, the council approved three-year leases for a Caterpillar model 924K front-end loader and a Caterpillar model 416F backhoe. Webster explained that the current leases were expiring and the city is renewing their leases with no rate increases, but that the new leases were for new equipment

to replace the older equipment that is currently in the lease program.

"We always lease this type of equipment for the city, but the lease is ending on our old equipment and this new lease is for newer equipment for the city to use," Webster told *The News*.

The first reading of a new ordinance was read and approved, banning the sale, public display for sale, gift, barter, delivery, possession or use of illicit synthetic drugs and misbranded drugs. The ordinance may be passed after the second reading at next month's council meeting.

Synthetic Drugs: What Are They?

What They Are: Synthetic versions of illicit drugs, manufactured in labs and even homes. These drugs are labeled as "not for human consumption" and therefore are not subject to any regulation or oversight - despite the fact that they are often significantly stronger than their illicit counterparts. The three major categories are synthetic cannabinoids (marijuana), synthetic stimulants (often marketed as "bath salts" but mimicking cocaine, methamphetamine and Ecstasy) and synthetic hallucinogens (mimicking LSD and Ecstasy).

Where They're Sold: Online and in head shops, smoke shops and convenience stores.

How They're Sold: Designer drugs are sold as innocent-sounding products, most commonly labeled as potpourri or incense (synthetic marijuana), bath salts, plant food or jewelry cleaner (synthetic stimulants) or 2C products (synthetic hallucinogens).

Why They are a Concern: These products are dangerous and have been linked with multiple hospitalizations, crimes and deaths in the United States, with numbers rising rapidly over the last 18 months. In 2010, U.S. poison control centers received 2,915 calls concerning synthetic marijuana; as of Nov. 30, 2011, they took 6,348. U.S. poison control centers received 303 calls concerning bath salts in 2010; as of Nov. 30, 2011, they took 5,853. (No figures were available for synthetic hallucinogens.)

(--Synthetic Drugs information taken from website: drugfreemc.org)

New Home School Menu

MAY 27-31

Tuesday: Pancakes

Wednesday: Breakfast burrito

Thursday: Biscuit/egg

Friday: Muffins

Lunch

Tuesday: Pizza choice or taco salad, broccoli salad, corn, fruit bowl

Wednesday: Grilled chicken sandwich, beef & bean burrito, oven fries, veggie cup, fruity gelatin

Thursday: Corn dog or pizza stick, baked beans, tomato/cucumber, apple/pineapple delight

Friday: Ham & cheese sandwich, baby carrots, baked chips, apple

Obituaries



Pierce Hallmark

Pierce "Uncle Sam" Hallmark, 100, of Tahoka passed away on Friday, May 17, 2013. He was born February 18, 1913 in Baird, to Stephen and Mary Ann Hallmark. He married Connie De La Cruz in Olongapo, Philippines on July 30, 1961. He served in the United States Naval Service during WWII. He was a member of St. Jude Catholic Church.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Connie of Tahoka; daughter, Alma Fay Hallmark of Tulsa, OK; son, Harvey Lee Hallmark and wife Diem of Houston, TX and five grandchildren.

Visitation was held Sunday, May 19 at Combest Family Funeral Homes in Tahoka. A vigil service followed by Rosary was held Monday, May 20, at St. Jude Catholic Church. Mass of Christian Resurrection was celebrated at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 21, 2013 at St. Jude Catholic Church, with interment at Nevels Cemetery.

Please celebrate the life of Pierce by visiting www.combest-familyfuneralhomes.com. (PAID)



Joe Young

Joe Dan Young of Ruidoso Downs, formerly of Tahoka, passed away on Monday, May 13, 2013, at the age of 70. He was born September 16, 1942 on the family farm near Tahoka, to B.A. and Dorothy (Carter) Young, Jr. Joe married Nedra Roberts on June 1, 1961. Joe was a lifelong Methodist.

Those left to cherish his memory are his "sweetheart" of 52 years, Nedra; sons, Timothy Young and wife Lora of Claude, Thomas Young and partner Tom Jaeger of Orlando, FL; brother, Don Young and wife Jeanette of Plains; sister, Patricia Williams and husband Roger of Tahoka; two grandchildren, Aiden Young and Preslee Young; three nieces and one nephew.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, William Thomas "Mansie" Young. Services were held at 10:00

a.m. Friday, May 17, at First United Methodist Church with interment at Nevels Memorial Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Roger Williams, Todd McNeely, Corey McCleskey, Paul Harper, Tracy Jones, and Lance Barden.

The family requests any memorial contributions to be made in support of the Lynn County Senior Citizens Center or a favorite animal protection organization.

Please celebrate the life of Joe by visiting www.combest-familyfuneralhomes.com. (PAID)



John Saleh

John Saleh, 84, of Lubbock, passed away May 14, 2013 in Lubbock.

John was born on June 29, 1928 in O'Donnell, to Nahum Saleh and Arslie Saleh. He graduated from The University of Texas School of Law. Following his Honorable Discharge from the army, Saleh established a law firm with his brother Sam in Lamesa, in 1958 where he practiced law for nearly 50 years retiring in 2008. John Saleh was an active lifetime member of the Roman Catholic Church.

In keeping with Mr. Saleh's specific wishes, a private inurnment and memorial service are to be conducted at a later date.

He is survived by his brother, Attorney Sam Saleh and his wife Sylvia; niece, Attorney Ann-Marie Saleh Carruth and her husband Kyle; and one great nephew William Thatcher Saleh Carruth.

For those desiring, contributions in memory of John Saleh may be directed to a charity of one's choice. (PAID)

Wilson School Menu

MAY 27-31

Tuesday: Biscuit w/sausage gravy or Lucky Charms

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Long jump ... Tahoka Elementary students had fun at the end-of-school Track and Field Day held last week at the THS football field. In this photo, classmates watch David Perez in the long jump event.

Pittman graduates from Texas Tech

Meredith Pittman, daughter of Barry and Retha Pittman of Tahoka, is a graduate of Texas Tech College of Visual and Performing Arts with a Bachelors of Art in Communicative Design. She won the Student 2013 ADDY Award for her work on Nike Annual Report.

Meredith is employed as a graphic artist in the Lubbock-Cooper ISD print shop, since 2010.



Meredith Pittman

Board approves pay increases for TISD superintendent, staff

Tahoka Independent School District Board of Trustees met in special session last Tuesday, approving salaries for Superintendent Steve Burleson and other administrative staff, as well as for other district employees. Contracts for two new teachers were approved, and one resignation was accepted.

A three percent salary increase in the amount of \$3,800 was approved by a vote of 6-1 for the superintendent, which puts

his annual salary at \$130,810. Trustees Frank McLelland, John Hawthorne, Cathy Box, Jim Bingham, Brenda Dotson and Scott Dimak voted in favor of the motion, with the lone dissenting vote from trustee Abraham Vega.

Other administrative salary increases were unanimously approved in separate motions, including a \$5,500 increase for Assistant Superintendent Jenni McLelland, which puts her sal-

ary to \$75,500 (Board President Frank McLelland abstained from voting on his wife's salary, which was approved 6-0 with one abstention); a \$5,000 increase for High School Principal Jeff Perez, making his salary \$75,000; and a \$5,000 increase for Elementary Principal Jason Powell, making his salary \$65,000. No action was taken regarding salary for Middle School Principal Jeff Fleenor, whose current salary is at \$65,000.

An all-inclusive 3% raise was unanimously approved for all other district employees, including teachers, coaches, aides, cafeteria/maintenance/transportation and all other at-will employees. The increase is above and beyond the TISD step schedule that employees are paid based on their number of years of service, and trustees also voted to increase the district's contribution by \$27 to raise the district's portion to \$325 for employee health insurance, to cover an increase in

premiums. The final approval for the insurance premiums will be on the next meeting's agenda, according to Supt. Burleson.

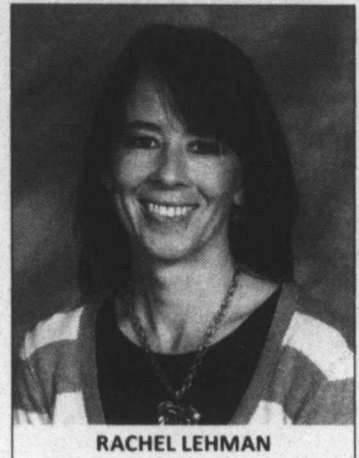
The superintendent sent an email notifying all district employees of the 3% salary increase after the meeting, stating, "The Board wanted me to let you know that they appreciate what each of you do for the students of Tahoka ISD."

Two new contracts for teaching staff were approved, for Richard Hannum in the high school ag teacher position, and for Corey Cunningham, a former teacher/coach who is returning to TISD as girls head track coach and assistant basketball coach. One resignation was reported in the elementary staff, of third grade math teacher Kelly Fillingim.

Lehman earns Master's degree

Rachel Lehman of Tahoka has earned her Master of Arts degree from Sul Ross State University. Mrs. Lehman is a teacher at Tahoka High School, teaching English / Language Arts / Journalism classes.

She is married to Bruce Lehman, and they have two children, Kaitlyn and Curry.



RACHEL LEHMAN

I wish I could take you all home ...

Madelynn DeLeon, daughter of Manuel and Jennifer DeLeon, holds one of the puppies that may be adopted from the Lynn County Animal Shelter, with two other puppies visible inside the shelter, while a sweet-natured female mixed-breed lifts a paw to Madelynn. For information about adopting dogs or kittens from the shelter call the Lynn Co. Sheriff's Office at 561-4505 and leave contact information for Animal Control Officer Ashley West. (LCN PHOTO by Juanell Jones)



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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE Illicit Synthetic Drug Ordinance - Wilson

Notice is hereby given that on June 10, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room at 1610 10th Street, the Wilson City Council will hold a public hearing to receive public comment, both written and oral, regarding the establishment of an Illicit Synthetic Drug Ordinance. The purpose of the ordinance is to protect the health and safety of the public by banning the sale of illicit synthetic drugs within the City Limits. To obtain the ordinance in its entirety please contact Susann Follis, City Secretary at 806-628-6221.

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STORMEE MARTIN

Stormee Martin is SPC graduate

Stormee Martin, daughter of Jeff and Cassie Martin of Tahoka, earned her Cosmetology Certificate from South Plains College in Levelland, during their May 10, 2013 commencement exercises. She graduated with highest honors and will be working at Panache Salon & Spa in Lubbock.

Planting season underway, but expectations dwindling

by Bryan Reynolds, CEA Lynn County Agriculture

Planting season is underway for the 2013 cotton crop, but weather patterns seem to be following the same trend as both the 2011 and 2012 crops. The historic drought continues to adversely affect the cotton producers as planting began last week in Lynn County.

"The level of optimism and expectations continue to dwindle with each passing day without significant rainfall," said Bryan Reynolds, CEA Lynn County Agriculture.

As of May 21, the West Texas Mesonet site for Tahoka has received 2.12" of rain. In 2012, 5.53" had been received and in 2011 only .90" were recorded. At the O'Donnell site, 1.67" have been received for 2013, compared to 4.24" in 2012 and .28" in 2011.

"Since the historic floods back in July of 2010, rainfall has been very scarce. From August 2010 through May 2013, 22.96" of rain has fallen at the Tahoka site. That is slightly above our normal rainfall of about 19" per 12 months; however, that is for almost 34 months," said Reynolds.

The long-range forecasts currently have predicted for the drought in the area to continue. Above normal temperatures and below normal rainfall are predicted through August.

As of May 23, approximately 25 percent of 300,000 cotton acres have been planted in the county. Irrigated fields are being planted while dryland acres will wait for more significant moisture. If none is received, growers will have to start in early June to get those dryland fields planted by the June 10 deadline for crop insurance.

Irrigated fields continue to face challenges. The lack of rainfall for over two years has stretched the limits of many systems and more growers are seeing water quality problems.

"The main issue is salinity and the buildup of salts in the soil profile. Lynn County has had poorer water quality for many years but rainfall would help leach the salts down

through the soil profile. Those salts have accumulated over the last two growing seasons and a lack of rainfall has allowed those to adversely affect the growing conditions," Reynolds explained.

The High Plains Underground Water Conservation District recently completed their annual survey of depth to water measurements. In Lynn County, the wells measured have shown a decrease of 1.37 feet in depth to water from 2012 to 2013. However, looking at the more accurate long-term data, Lynn County wells showed a .54 foot decline for 5 years and had a positive increase of .01 foot over the 10 year period.

"Obviously the drought since 2011 has affected our water depth to water but Lynn County has still shown much better statistics for our depth to water measurements and decline than many other counties," Reynolds added.

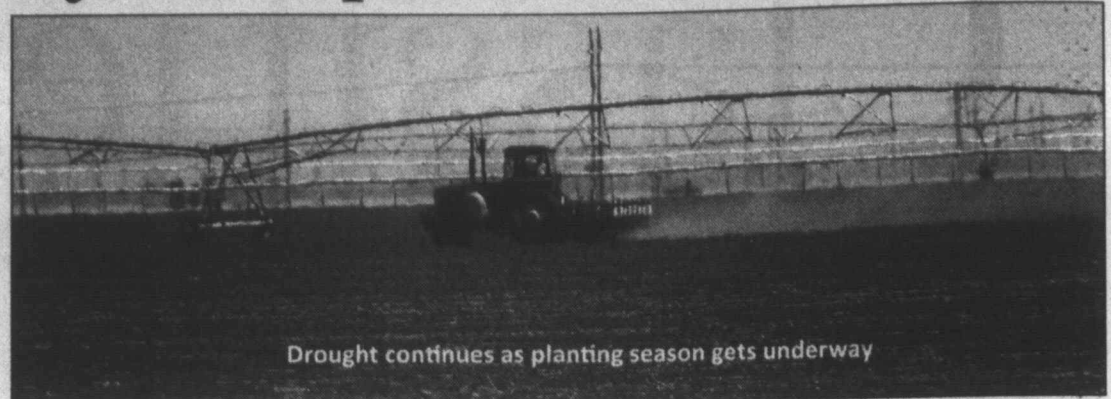
"The drought continues to affect everyone in this area. Farmers are resilient and determined and will not give up easily. They are dedicated to their way of life no matter what Mother Nature may give them to work with," he said.

Golf tourney set at Shadow Hills May 31

A benefit golf tourney will be held May 31 at Shadow Hills Golf Course in Lubbock. The four-person scramble will be \$160 per team and tee off will be at 1:00 p.m. Prize money will be awarded.

All proceeds will help benefit two local college students, Stephanie DeLeon and Kenzie Angeley, attend a mission trip this summer to Kenya, Africa and Nicaragua.

For more information or to enter the tournament, contact Stephanie at 806-300-3456 or Kenzie at 806-544-5368.



Drought continues as planting season gets underway

Letters to the Editor

Appreciates support

We would like to thank the residents of Tahoka for their monetary contributions and purchase of raffle tickets to help support "Second Chance Foster Care 4 Small Dogs". The fundraiser and yard sale raised a total of \$180.00.

Raffle ticket winners were Dan Taylor - 18 Speed dual suspension bike and Norm Kelln - a handmade crocheted American Flag lap blanket.

"We appreciate your support for the Second Chance Foster Care 4 Small Dogs", said Mrs. Ohlson.

Thank you,
Arlene & Ron Ohlson

Senior Citizen's LUNCH MENU

May 27-31

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• Community Fundraiser to benefit the Center coming up! Watch for details

• We are still seeking names to go on the quilt for the 2013 Harvest Festival. Call or come by the Center for details.

• Wii bowling tournament coming very soon! Be sure to check our facebook page for upcoming details and events happening at the Center.

TTU hosts Wind Engineering Camp for grades 7-11

This summer, Texas Tech University will play host to several academic enrichment summer camps for kids entering grades 4-11. The programs are offered through Texas Tech's Institute for the Development and Enrichment of Advanced Learners (IDEAL).

Wind Engineering Camp: 'Run on the Wind'

June 9-14 - Rising grades 7-11

This six-day/five-night summer camp explores the power of the wind and the means by which we harness it. In this camp, students will see how we forecast and measure the wind, learn the basics of turbine design, and build and test a wind turbine. Students will gain knowledge about how wind science is interdisciplinary and what careers are possible with a degree in wind science, as well as what academic skills are necessary to succeed as a wind scientist.

Classes are team-taught by experienced university and public school faculty and emphasize hands-on activities. Classes are interdisciplinary to allow campers to explore many aspects of science through the lens of wind science. Students will be grouped into classes by age.

Students are housed in Texas Tech residence halls. Each camper will have one roommate. One counselor is assigned to every 15 campers. Campers may request a roommate (not guaranteed). Meals are served daily, in a Texas Tech dining hall. Evenings are devoted to traditional summer fun that in-

Free Summer Camp Offered In Tahoka June 3-6, 10-13

Children in grades 1-8 in

Lynn County are invited to attend a free summer camp for two weeks on Monday through Thursday, June 3-6 and June 10-13. The camp will be held each afternoon from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the Tahoka Elementary Gym.

Registration will run through May 31, at the Lynn County Juvenile Probation Office. Children may also register on the first day of camp at 12:30 pm.

Camp activities include life skills, education, swimming, games, scavenger hunts and more, and children will have snacks provided. There will be t-shirt giveaways and lots of

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Volunteers are also needed. Please sign up with Gracie at the Lynn County Juvenile Probation Office.

The free camp is sponsored by the following organizations: Lynn County Probation Office, Tahoka Rotary Club, Calloway Huffaker Law Firm, Walker & Solomon Agency, Dr. Donald Freitag, Wildcat Mfg., Calvillo Bail Bonds, Tahoka Drug, Farm Bureau, Lyntegar Electric, Poka Lambro Telephone, Agua One, FirstBank and Trust, Tahoka Thriftway, Allsups, First Baptist Church, Managed Care, Girl Scouts of the Caprock, and Tahoka City Pool.



'Dandelion' on display ... Tahoka High School student Jessica Fowler's photo, entitled "Dandelion", won second place in the 2013 Congressional Art competition sponsored by Congressman Randy Neugebauer. Her photo will be displayed for a year in Neugebauer's Lubbock District Office at 611 University Ave., Suite 220, on the second floor of the City Bank building. "To me, photography is catching a single moment of beauty and I hope that is what I did," said Fowler.

cludes swimming, basketball, volleyball, a pizza party, and a trip to The Main Event.

Tuition is \$635 and includes instruction, supervision, room and board, a camp T-shirt and evening recreation. Applications without deposits are not processed.

The balance-due deadline and the refund deadline is May 25. Registrations are accepted on a first-come first-serve basis. Because enrollment is limited, early registration is encouraged.

Shake Hands with Your Future

Session I: June 9-13 - Rising grades 8-11

Session II: July 7-11 - Rising grades 4-7

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leave a message and we'll call back.

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What's in the News

- Obituary - Lynn Co. - Reyes Val - Janet Turner
- THS senior - Roof repairs - Scholastic - OHS senior - NHHS senior - WHS senior - Four jailed - indictments - Groundwork slows - p...

City plans open

Tahoka Wednesday admission a year: \$1.50 family pass entire summer past

The pool day-Saturday p.m. and o p.m. David Manager and be contacted 806-577-84 number is 5

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